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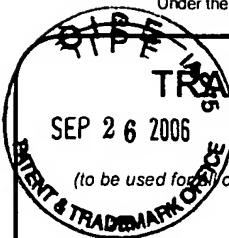
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I believe myself to be the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original and first joint inventor (if more than one name is listed below) of the subject matter which is disclosed and claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"Methods and Systems for Providing a Virtual Touch Haptic Effect to Handheld Communication Devices"

The specification of this subject matter:

- ☐ is attached hereto.
- ☒ was filed on June 8, 2005 as United States Application Number 10/538,161
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).
- ☒ was filed on December 8, 2003 as PCT International Application Number PCT/US2003/038862
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I do not know and do not believe that the claimed invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months (for a utility patent application) or six months (for a design patent application) prior to this application.

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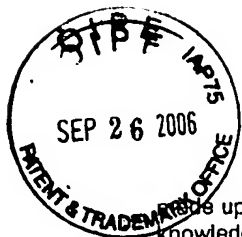
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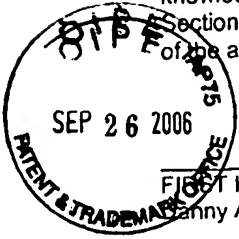
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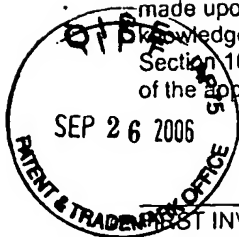
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